

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST PLACES IN PUNJAB .

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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

- (a) The number of domestic/foreign tourists visited Punjab during each of the last three years;
- (b) The financial assistance provided by the Union Government for the development of tourist places in Punjab during each of the last three years; and
- (c) The funds allocated for the development of tourism in Punjab during 2006-07?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a): The number of tourists who visited Punjab in the last three years are:

Year	No. of tourists visited	
	Domestic	Foreign
2003	1150015	4589
2004	361568	7312
2005	431036	4353

(b): The Central Financial Assistance provided by the Union Government for the development of tourist places in Punjab under various schemes during the last three years is at Annexure.

(c): The projects prioritised for the year 2006-07 for the State of Punjab are :

Destination:

1. Ropar
2. Fatehgarh Sahib (including Aam Khas Bagh with SEL Show)
3. Kapurthala

Circuit:

1. Freedom Struggle Circuit: - Delhi-Amritsar
2. Pilgrim Circuit

Events/Festivals:

1. Rural Olympics (Rural Sports, Village Qila Raipur, Distt. Raipur)
2. Kinnow Festival at Abohar, Distt. Ferozpur
3. Punjab Festival (Mela)
4. Crafts Mela at Kapurthala

Rural Tourism:

1. Village Paldi (Distt. Hoshiarpur)
2. Village Kalanour (Distt. Gurdaspur)
3. Village Maisor Khana (Distt. Bhatinda)

Those proposals of the State Governments in respect of prioritized projects, which are complete in all respects are examined under scheme guidelines and approved on the basis of inter-se priority and funds are released subject to availability under respective heads.

An amount of Rs.784.45 lakh has already been sanctioned for Integrated Development of Freedom Trail Tourism Circuit in the year 2006-07.